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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONVERENCE ON
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REFTEL REPORTS AFGHANS SAY THEY SUPPORT PRG ADMISSION
BECAUSE THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY GROUP
OF SEVENTY-SEVEN. THIS STATEMENT IS FALSE. IN FACT,
GROUP OF 77 IS VERY MUCH DIVIDED ON ISSUE. MANY AFRICAN
STATES ARE EITHER UNINTERESTED - AND THUS ABSTAIN - OR
IN FACT OPPOSE PRG INVITATION. SITUATION SIMILAR AMONG
ARAB AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP STATES. IF YOU BELIEVE
THIS PROVIDES SUFFICIENT NEW AMMUNITION (PER PARA 3 REFTTEL),
WHEN YOU GO BACK TO THEM ON "PROCEDURAL" ISSUE, YOU SHOULD
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TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WITH THEM VOTING PATTERN AT 1974

CONFERENCE, CONTAINED GENEVA 1335 (REPEATED STATE 10450).
THIS WILL DEMONSTRATE DIVISION AMONG GROUP OF 77. YOU MAY
ALSO CONFIDENTIALLY INDICATE THAT AS RESULT OF CURRENT
DEMARCHE, SUCH COUNTRIES AS SAUDI ARABIA, MEXICO, HONDURAS,
URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, MALAYSIA, ARGENTINA, GUATEMALA, INDO-
NESIA AND PHILLIPINES HAVE ALREADY INDICATED SUPPORT FOR
USG POSITION. THUS, IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF A GROUP OF
77 DECISION, YOU SHOULD URGE AFGHANS TO RETHINK THEIR
POSITION. INGERSOLL

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